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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

July 11, 2002

SUPERFUND DIVISION OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. William E. Muno Director Superfund Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 77 W Jackson Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Muno:

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I am writing with reference to the Master Metals site, a Superfund site in Ohio's 10th Congressional District. Northern Ohio Lumber, along with the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, the State of Ohio, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has been negotiating in good faith with the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) for the cleanup and redevelopment of this contaminated brownfield site. Northern Ohio Lumber has been anticipating a move to the Master Metals site for more than a year.

Unfortunately, the cleanup has been stalled because of a reluctant PRP group standing in the way of a brownfield redevelopment project which would have a great positive effect on our community. Therefore, I ask that you immediately order the implementation of the remedy negotiated by the parties, or in the alternative, immediately make the funds available through the Superfund program and recoup the costs from the PRPs as provided under law. It is important that we not delay the cleanup and redevelopment of this site any longer. If you have any questions, please contact me directly or my staff counsel Marty Gelfand at 216-228-8850.

sincerely.

Dennis J. Kucinich Member of Congress

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